

Amendment to the Specification:

Please rewrite the second full paragraph on page 11 as follows:

FIGURE 6 diagrammatically illustrates further exemplary embodiments of a wireless communication system according to the invention. In the system of FIGURE 6, the transmitter 61 is similar to the transmitter 11 of FIGURES 1 and 3, but includes interleavers 63 and 64 at the outputs of the convolutional coders. Thus, the receiver 62 includes ~~a de-interleaver~~ an interleaver 65 and ~~an interleaver~~ a de-interleaver 66 to account for the operations of the interleaver 63, and also includes a de-interleaver 67 and an interleaver 68 to account for the operation of the interleaver 64. Aside from the operations of the interleavers and de-interleavers illustrated at 63-68, the wireless communication system of FIGURE 6 can operate in generally the same fashion as the wireless communication system of FIGURE 3, that is, generally as described above with respect to FIGURE 5.